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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 41.31 the Appellants hereby respectfully appeal Examiner Schatz's **Final Rejection** of claims 1, 3-9, 13, and 14 mailed March 24, 2006.

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